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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF LETTER TO EDITOR PUBLISHED IN
APRIL 16 VOICE OF UGANDA UNDER HEADLINE " THE U. S. AID DECISION
MAY BE RACIALLY BASED."

BEGIN TEXT: PERMIT ME SPACE IN YOUR LETTER COLUMN TO COMMENT ON
YOUR REPORT IN THE ISSUE OF APRIL 12, 1973, THAT THE US IS TO
WITHDRAW ALL HER AID TO UGANDA.

THE US IS NOT THE FIRST COUNTRY TO WITHDRAW AID FROM UGANDA
SINCE WE EMBARKED ON OUR ECONOMIC WAR LAST AUGUST. BRITAIN HERSELF
AND CANADA HAVE ALREADY DONE SO.

THIS MEANS THAT EITHER THESE COUNTRIES ARE STILL UNDER
COLONIAL CONTROL BY BRITAIN, OR THEY ARE BANDING TOGETHER TO
MOUNT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST UGANDA ON RACIAL GROUNDS, SINCE
THEY FEEL BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS SMALL STATE WILL, AT LAST, BE FREE
FROM THE WHITE MAN'S CONTROL.

WHAT IS MORE REVEALING IS THAT AID IS BEING WITHDRAWN WITH-
OUT REASONS BEING GIVEN EXCEPT THAT BRITAIN HAS DONE SO. THIS
IS WHY I FIRST SUGGESTED THAT THESE COUNTRIES ARE STILL UNDER
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THE COLONIAL CONTROL OF BRITAIN.

IT SEEMS THAT OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE APPLYING SANCTIONS AGAINST UGANDA BY REFUSING TO SUPPLY GOODS TO UGANDA BECAUSE THEY CLAIM WE CANNOT PAY. YET UGANDA'S FOREIGN RESERVES ARE INCREASING DAILY AND ARE NOW EVEN HIGHER THAN AT THE LEVEL THEY WERE BEFORE THE MILITARY TAKEOVER.

THIS PROVES BRITAIN'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST UGANDA IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

MORE OF THESE COUNTRIES MAY WITHDRAW AID FROM UGANDA, INCLUDING PERSONNEL, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL PERSONS ARE STILL HAPPY TO STAY AND WORK IN THIS COUNTRY. IF EFFECT, THIS IS A PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR WHICH IN SOME CASES LIKE THAT OF UGANDA IS A WAR BEING WAGED ON HER ON RACIAL LINES. IT'S WHITES JOINING FORCES AGAINST THE POOR BLACKS OF UGANDA.

THE US APPEARS NOT ONLY BENT ON WITHDRAWING AID FROM UGANDA BUT ALSO CLOSING ITS EMBASSY IN KAMPALA. IT'S RUMOURED THAT THE OFFICIALS ARE BUSY PACKING, BURNING ALL AVAILABLE PAPERS FROM THE EMBASSY PREMISES AND EVEN PACKING AND SHIPPING THE ASHES IN CASE THEY CONTAIN READABLE DOCUMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE LEFT UNDEstroyED BY FIRE.

THIS IS A LESSON TO UGANDA FROM WHICH SHE MUST LEARN. THE WARNING IS THAT WE MUST BE PREPARED TO SUFFER OTHER THINGS AS A RESULT OF THE MOUNTING SANCTIONS AGAINST US. WE MUST ALSO PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

SINCE BRITISH INFLUENCE HAS WORKED SO MUCH AGAINST US, OUR HEAD OF STATE SHOULD SUMMON ALL HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FROM WHITE COUNTRIES AND THOSE ASIATIC COUNTRIES WHERE BRITAIN AND USA HAVE GOT INFLUENCE AND OBTAIN ASSURANCES FROM THEM AS TO WHETHER THEY INTEND TO WITHDRAW THEIR AID FROM UGANDA. THIS INFORMATION WOULD HELP OUR PLANNERS TO PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ACCORDINGLY.

ONE WOULD EXPECT THAT THESE DIPLOMATS WOULD BE FRANK AND SPEAK UP MINDS, INSTEAD OF PAYING US LIP-SERVICE, OR SAYING ONE THING WHILE PLANNING SOMETHING DIFFERENT ALTOGETHER.

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IT IS TRUE THAT UGANDA CANNOT STARVE ONCE THESE COUNTRIES

WITHDRAW THEIR AID, MAINLY BECAUSE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. BUT
IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE RESOURCES NEED CAPITAL TO BE FULLY EXPLOITED

.
THIS MEANS THAT WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE FACTS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
NAMELY THAT THERE WILL BE VERY LITTLE CAPITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT.

IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE ON OUR OWN WE MUST SELECT OUR PRIORITIES
WITH THE GREATEST WISDOM. THAT IS WE MUST SPEND OUR MEAGRE FUNDS
ON THOSE PROJECTS WHICH WILL HELP TO BRING IN MORE MONEY.

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PROJECTS MUST BE ABANDONED FOR THE TIME BEING.

SINCE EVERYONE KNOWS THAT UGANDA IS GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT
TIMES WE MUST BE GIVEN TIME TO RECOVER BEFORE UNDERTAKING HEAVY
DUTIES. THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY MUST ON THEIR PART, REALISE THAT
WE MUST WORK TWICE AS HARD OR EVEN MORE IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALSO BE VERY TIGHT ON ITS MONEY. THE
GOVERNMENT'S GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY NOW IS TO MANAGE THE COUNTRY'S
FINANCES VERY CAREFULLY.

FINALLY, IF THE WORSE COMES TO THE WORST, WE MUST STAND LIKE
MEN. WE MUST NOT GO BEGGING TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO
GIVE US NOTHING BUT TO LAUGH AT OUR BEGGING MISSIONS, EVEN BEFORE
THEY LEAVE THEIR CAPITALS. BUT MY FEELING IS THAT WE SHALL SURVIVE.

KAMPALA. /S/ KEN KALIGWA

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